

BRIGHTON TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

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March 16, 2020 • 6:30 pm • Fire Station #108 • Presiding: Mayor Dan Knopp

ATTENDANCE

Fire Station: Dan Knopp, Keith Zuspan, Polly McLean, Barbara Cameron, James Blanton (UPD)

WebX Call-ins: Jeff Bossard, Carolyn Keigley, Jenna Malone, Doug Fry, Phil Lanouette, Dusty Dern (UFA)

UPD. James Blanton reported that Canyon Patrol has lost 2 members due to transfers, but will be fully staffed by May. Covid-19 infection could take officers out, but all officers are practicing social distancing and frequent hand washing when in contact with public. The monthly Road Meeting was rescheduled to April 7, 2020.

UFA. Dusty Dern reported that UFA has activated the Emergency Operations Center. They are fully staffed at present, but personnel drawdown will take place if crews call in sick. For example, the 4 men crews will be shuffled around to 3 men crews. Dusty will advise Dan if Station 108 closes, but it's expected it to remain open. The EOC has been very busy gearing up for the expected increase in affected people.

Emergency Proclamation. Mayor Knopp asked the Town Council to consider an emergency proclamation for the Town of Brighton. He said he just dismissed 40 people this afternoon, and it was heartbreaking. Jenna noted that we should do this to set a tone that we are taking community health very seriously. Jeff hoped our canyon businesses, especially the ski resorts, might be able to recoup some losses because of such a proclamation. Polly noted that most business insurance policies don't cover closures for pandemic loss, but it might be possible to make a claim due to closure by government agencies. Carolyn hoped that a Proclamation would help people realize that the Town supports the entire community in this public crisis. The issuance of the Proclamation is done by the Mayor and needs no vote, according to Polly. However, the Council unanimously supported the Mayor's decision to issue the Emergency Proclamation. He will issue it, and have it filed with Ryan Perry (Regional Development Manager), Clint Mecham (UFA Emergency Operations Chief), and Jason Mazuran (UPD Chief of Operations).

Brighton Emergency Operations Plan. A draft of the Brighton & Big Cottonwood Canyon Emergency Operations Plan was submitted for consideration. It contains provisions to activate the neighborhood outreach teams. Team leaders will call out team members who are in charge of contacting 12-15 neighbors on their block. The team members will distribute information to their neighbors and monitor ongoing needs. Doug Fry, Brighton Emergency Operations Chair, expressed concern that the plan is not ready for adoption because the maps are not accurate and the team members are not all in place. Carolyn and Jeff noted that the plan will always be in flux because people keep moving in and out, but some action needs to be taken now. Keith moved to adopt the Brighton Emergency Operations Plan. Jeff seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Pandemic Action Items. Dan felt seasonal employees and older residents are the main community concern. Seasonal employees who were unexpectedly laid off may not have enough money to buy food. The Town will set up a process to issue gift cards or set up a food bank for those with limited access to food. Polly will check with the County for guidelines on managing funding for gift card/food distribution. Older residents may need help with food and pharmacy deliveries.

Dan and Barbara will create a flier about community preparedness, and reach out to Team Leaders to begin distribution of the flier and assessment of their neighborhood situation.

Jenna set up Brighton Twitter and Instagram accounts to help with information distribution. She will look into setting up a Brighton Facebook page also. There will be an online meeting on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 1 pm to update the Brighton website. Jenna, Keith, Polly, Barbara, and Kara John (the new Town Clerk) will take the call.

Polly noted that it is very important to keep track of hours and costs involved with pandemic activities, if there are to be claims by the community for reimbursement by federal or state funds.

Barbara will forward email to Town Council members from Tina Brown, UFA's Public Information Officer.

Doug asked if anyone would call in to the monthly UFA Emergency Operations Call-In Meeting. He has been doing it for over a year, but it should probably be done by a local resident. Jenna volunteered to do it (Phone: 877-248-1399) this month. Jeff volunteered to do it next month.

Polly will draft a resolution for the April meeting to say that we don't need an anchor location for our call-in meetings, given that public gatherings are being discouraged, and meetings are being held remotely. Jeff suggested that if the public has a comment, they could also send an email ahead of time. This could be noted on the Agenda

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Submitted by Barbara Cameron, Acting Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbara Cameron", written over a horizontal line.